

Building English Vocabulary

Book 3

Rain Age Green
Dance

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Rain

It will begin **raining** in June.
Everyone repairs their huts before
the **rains**.

I like to play in the **rain**.
But I don't like the **rainy** season.
Everything in the house
becomes damp.
Baba too does not get work in
'the **rains**.'

Red

I saw a bird with a **red** beak.
It was eating a **red** chilli.
Can you guess which bird it was?

Red is my favourite colour.
I made a paper flag and coloured it **red**.

Salman works in New Market. When cars stop at
the **red** lights, he runs to sell them newspapers.



Remember

I **remember** the day my sister was born.
She had cried a lot.

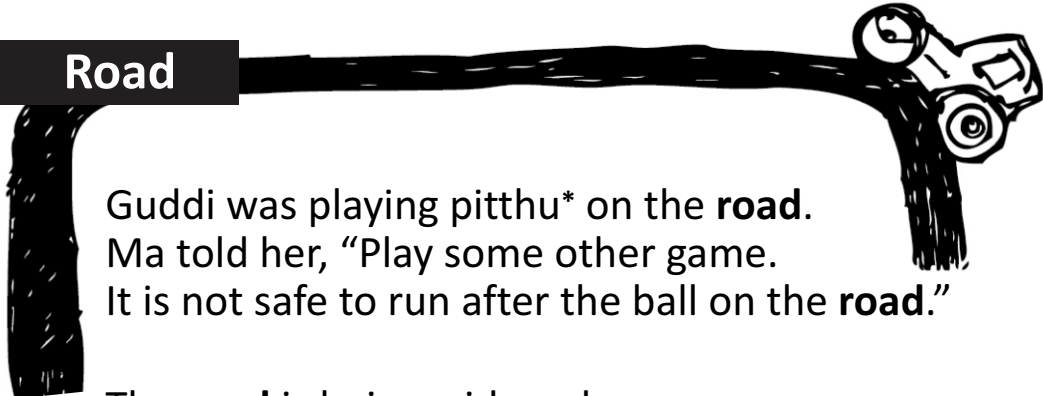
Tahir can't find his bag.
He can't **remember** where he left it.

Do you **remember** me?
We met in the baal mela* last year.

* children's fair



Road



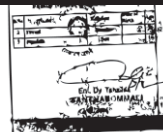
Guddi was playing pitthu* on the **road**.
Ma told her, "Play some other game.
It is not safe to run after the ball on the **road**."

The **road** is being widened.
The houses near the **road** will be broken down.
Nani's house is also near the **road**.
She saved money for thirty years to build it.
I wish we could stop the **road** work.



* seven stones

Rations



Ma has a yellow **ration** card.
We get grains with our **ration** card.
In Bhopal, we get 32 kilos of wheat and
5 kilos of rice every month.

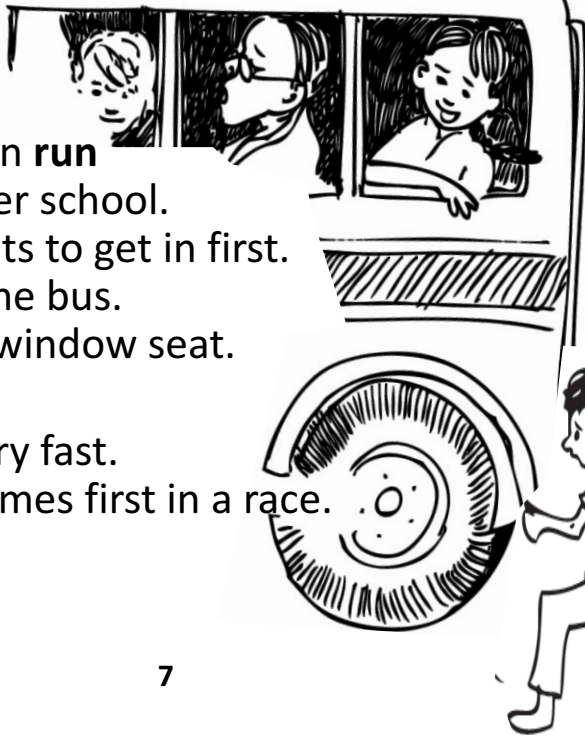
Lalita's mother needed money.
She gave her **ration** card to the moneylender.
He gave her a loan of 500 rupees.



Run

All the children **run**
to the bus after school.
Everyone wants to get in first.
I also **run** to the bus.
I **run** to get a window seat.

Pooja **runs** very fast.
She always comes first in a race.





I like to **read** stories.
My friend likes to **read** poems.

Tara is **reading** the train timetable.
She will tell us when our train
will arrive.

I **read** about a woman who drives a truck.
I want to be like that woman.



Sorry, my friend

Rubina and Rekha had a fight.
Rubina got **very angry**.
She said many mean things to Rekha.
Rekha started **crying**. Rubina then felt bad.
She wanted to make up with Rekha.
She saw a child selling **roses** by the **road**.
She bought **three roses** for ten **rupees**.
She gave the **roses** to Rekha and said,
“**Sorry, my friend.**”



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

red

remember

rose

read

angry

road

ripe

roots

rupees

three

rain

rice

roof

rail

sorry



D d

One day, a **dog** bit Meeta on her leg.
The doctor gave her anti-rabies injections.

In winters, the **dogs** come into the house.
The **dogs** come and sleep in the fireplace.

Dogs become friends with Anu easily.
They follow her wherever she goes.



Drink

I was very thirsty. I **drank** three glasses of water.

Let us **drink** tea at Nanu's dhaba.*
We can give him the money tomorrow.

My brother always shouts and fights after he **drinks** alcohol. Yesterday, he did not **drink**. We all slept peacefully.



*roadside restaurant





Dark

There is no moon in the sky tonight.
It is very **dark** outside.

It was **dark** in the cinema hall.
Sameer was scared.

I don't like **dark** colours.
But my uniform is **dark** blue in colour.

Dance



Babloo likes to **dance**.

Chanda feels happy when she **dances**.

Bidiya saw a peacock **dancing** in the forest.

The Bhagoria* festival is coming in March.
People from our village will play music and
dance all night.

* festival of the Bhil and Bhilala tribes



Doctor

My brother has been ill for three days now.
We went to the **doctor** today.
The **doctor** said we should have come earlier.
We could not tell the **doctor** that
we didn't have the money.
The **doctor** gave my brother an injection.
She also put him on a drip.

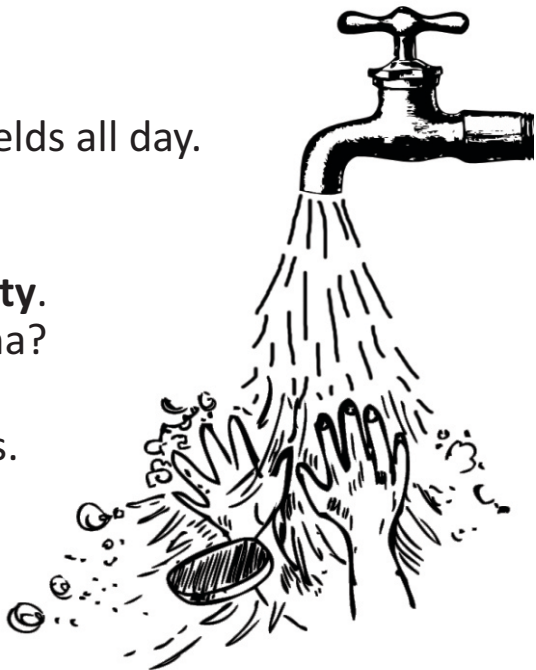


Dirty

Rekha worked in the fields all day.
Her clothes got **dirty**.

Your hands are also **dirty**.
Were you helping Rekha?

There is **dirt** in my nails.
I shall cut them.



Meena can **add** numbers in her mind.
The teacher gave us many sums.
Meena was the first to solve them.

Deepu **added** some more salt
to the daal. It tastes better now.

I **added** yellow to blue paint,
and got green.



Medicine

The doctor prescribed three **medicines** for Sohail.
He has to take them in the mornings and evenings.
The **medicines** are very bitter.



Aji* told us to plant aloe vera.
She said that it is a useful **medicinal** plant.

*grandmother

Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

dog

drink

dirty

add

friend

doctor

dance

dust

sad

medicine

door

dark

discuss

hide

good



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Green

Salma drew a beautiful tree with many leaves. Some leaves were light **green** in colour and some leaves were dark **green**.



My mother has a **green** sari.
She wears it on special days.



When I eat **green** chillies,
my nose and eyes start watering.



Gas

Birju sells **gas** balloons in the market.
He fills balloons with a **gas** that makes them float. Do you know which **gas** he uses?

Arun's father has a **gas** cylinder in his dhaba.
He uses it to make tea and poha.

On the night of December 2nd, 1984,
poisonous **gases** leaked from the Union Carbide
factory. Thousands of people died.





Ghost



People think there is a **ghost** in the naala.*
Some people say there is a **ghost**
on the peepal tree.

Abida wore a white sheet, and
pretended to be a **ghost**.
Some children got scared. We all laughed.

Do you believe in **ghosts**?

*sewer



Frog



Many **frogs** come out in the rains.
Do the **frogs** fall from the sky?

Many people eat **frogs**.
Frog legs are tasty.



I saw many tadpoles in the pond.
Do you know that they are baby **frogs**?



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

go

girl

glass

grain

dog

going

game

grass

group

hug

goat

gate

greedy

grill

dig

Gentle

Maya is a **gentle** teacher.
She does not get angry with the children.

This dog is very **gentle**.
He does not bark at anyone.

It was raining **gently**.
Manjana fell asleep watching the rain.



Strange

I had a **strange** dream.
A tiger was sleeping
in my bed.

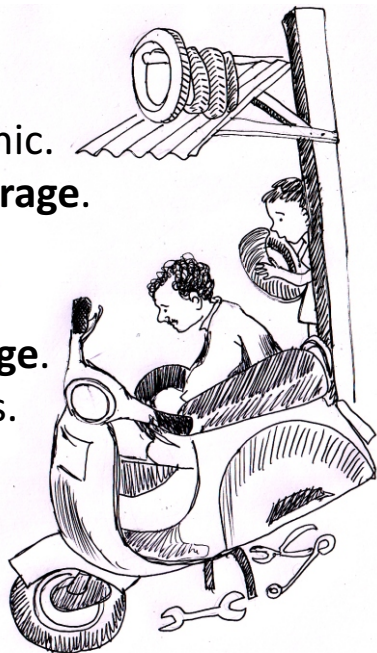


There was a **strange** sound outside.
I went out to see what it was,
but I couldn't see anything.

Monu has just come from his village.
He finds the city **strange**.

Garage

Akku works in a **garage**.
He is learning to be a mechanic.
Many big cars come to his **garage**.
There are several **garages** in
Subhash Nagar.
I too work in my uncle's **garage**.
We repair scooters and autos.



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

germ

ginger

sage

imagine

garage

gentle

giraffe

strange

wages

geography

gym

giant

stranger

danger

luggage



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Age

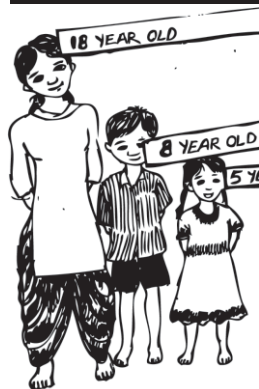
How old is Amit?

He is 10 years old.

What is Heena's **age**?

She is 6 years old.

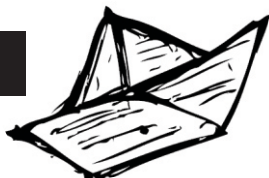
She is of school-going **age**.



At the **age** of 18, we can get voter cards.

Ma made me promise that I will take care of her in her old **age**.

Paper



Give me some **paper**.

I will write a story.

Mala wants to make a **paper** boat.

Today, Samina sold 6 kilos of **paper**.
She got 24 rupees for them.



Goli learnt how to make **paper** bags.
It is better to use **paper** bags.
Plastic bags harm the environment.



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

ace

april

tail

sale

paper

ate

aim

main

name

page

age

area

rail

hate

case

Act



Radha **acted** in the film 'Chanda Ke Joote'.

Mona loves **acting**.
She is acting in the play
'Charandas Chor'.
I want to act in the play too.

Look, Aman is **acting** like a monkey.



Angry



A man was staring at me.
It made me **angry**.

Papa gets **angry** when I come home late.

Archana was **angry** with Naresh because
he tore a page from her notebook.

The kabaadiwala* gave us less money.
Ma got **angry** and shouted at him.



*scrap-dealer

Fat

Sudhir is a very **fat** man.
He weighs 92 kilos.

A **fat** woman sat beside Para
in the bus. Para leaned
against her and fell asleep.

My little sister is **fat** and soft.
I like to sleep close to her.



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

am

angry

fat

cap

sad

act

ash

rat

bamboo

tap

ant

add

bat

hand

man

A



A boy is playing alone outside.
Let's go and play with him.

I went to the market to buy **a** soap.

Munni is **a** good friend.

There is **a** new girl in the basti.
She is from Itarsi.



Afraid



I am **afraid** of my father.

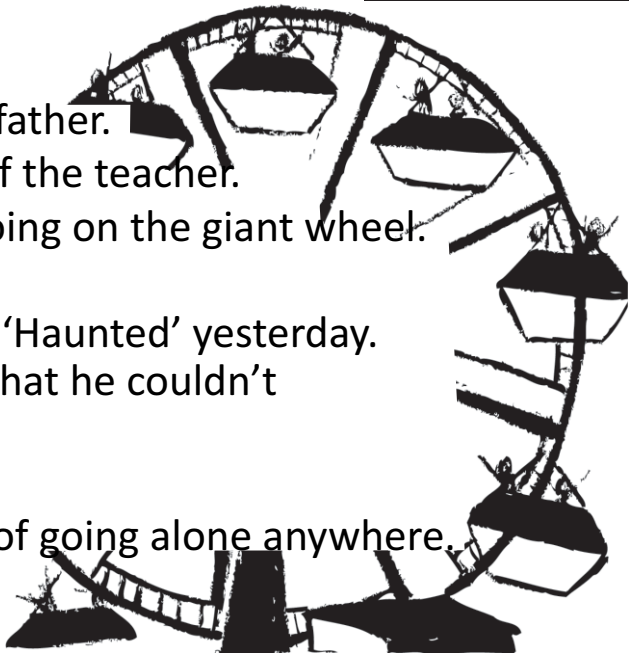
Sheetal is **afraid** of the teacher.

Priti is **afraid** of going on the giant wheel.

Golu saw the film 'Haunted' yesterday.

He was so **afraid** that he couldn't sleep at night.

Jhilli is not **afraid** of going alone anywhere.



Again



I am feeling sleepy **again**.
I think it is because of the medicine.

Lata is absent **again** today.

There was a fire in the basti
again this year.

Rahul asks the same question
again and **again**.



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

a

awake

afraid

allow

amount

agree

ago

asleep

alive

about

again

adult

alone

around

advise

Argue

Don't **argue** with me, Varun.
I can't give you the money.



Nanda **argued** with her brother.
But he would not agree with her.
What do you think they were **arguing** about?

Two men were **arguing** on the road.
They were **arguing** about who first drove up
to the parking space.

I don't know where exactly Jumerati is.
I will **ask** someone along the way.


All the children are going for a picnic.
Muttu will **ask** her mother if
she too can go.

I **asked** Sudha to bring her book.
We will read it together.






Park



Come Payal, let's go to the **park**.
There are many swings in the **park**.
We'll take turns to push each other.
Raja, Mala and Arif are already playing
in the **park**.
We can also play on the slides with them.



Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

ask

argue

far

bath

hard

arm

after

park

car

garden

art

aunty

market

dance

marble

Always

Sudama **always** cries when his mother drops him off at school.

My mother **always** eats after we do.
Today, I will make her eat with us.



Ants **always** find their way
to something sweet.
I wonder how they find out.
Do they have noses?

Feeling awkward

I feel **awkward** in the Principal's presence.
He makes me stand at a distance, and
doesn't look towards me when he speaks to me.
He gets angry with me even
when it is not my **fault**.
My exams are in **August**.
Why has he **called** me now?
I will go to school in Sangam's father's **auto**.
I don't want to be late meeting him.



Salt

I eat imli* with **salt**.

I eat raw mango with **salt**.

I eat guava with **salt**.

A little bit of **salt** makes everything taste good.

Shehnaz has diarrhea.

Her mother has been giving her water with **salt** and sugar in it.



* tamarind

Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

all

august

fault

tall

swallow

auto

awkward

salt

call

sauce

always

awful

halt

fall

draw

This set of 6 books called “Building English Vocabulary” enables a child to

- > Develop her/his vocabulary and understand the meaning of key words
- > Recognize the written form of key words
- > Recognize alphabets phonetically
- > Become familiar with the sounds of spoken English
- > Begin to respond in English

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The Teacher's Manual provided with the set explains how these books can be used with children. It also discusses the concepts, perspective and rationale behind the development of these books.